

Managing Used or Discarded Electronics

Beginning in January 2010, a new law went into effect, requiring manufacturers to collect and recycle certain electronics, including computers, TVs and printers, from Wisconsin households and K-12 public schools. The law will also include a ban on landfill disposal or incineration of certain electronics beginning September 1, 2010. For more information on Wisconsin's electronics recycling law, see E-Cycle Wisconsin.

You should reuse or recycle obsolete, unwanted, or broken electronics whenever possible. Under Wisconsin law, businesses and institutions must either recycle their electronics or manage them as hazardous waste.

Starting Sept. 1, 2010, Wisconsin's electronics recycling law will ban many electronic devices, including printers, TVs and computers, from disposal in Wisconsin landfills or incinerators. After that date, households will also be required to recycle these devices.

There are a number of electronics recycling options, and there will soon be more as the electronics recycling law goes into effect. When looking for recyclers, it is important to do your homework and make sure your electronics are handled by legitimate recyclers who take care to properly handle, store, process and recycle or dispose of all materials.